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ASA Brought Alberta's Elections Candidates Debate on Campus



Candidates for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, left to right: Sarah Mowat, Alberta NDP; Keith Elliot, Alberta Liberal; Verlyn Olson, PC; Tyler Knelsen, Wildrose Alliance; and Midge Lambert, Alberta Green Party.

By Nihal Tiltmamer

On the 28th of February 2008, four days before Alberta went to the polls, the Augustana Students' Association (ASA) invited Wetaskiwin - Camrose candidates to the campus for a debate in their quest to represent the riding in the Alberta Legislative Assembly. The debate was held in the Faith and Life Chapel. ASA sponsored the debate to give the public a chance to hear each candidate explain what he/she would do if elected.

The candidates included Verlyn Olson (Progressive Conservative), Sarah E. Mowat (Alberta NDP), Keith Elliot (Alberta Liberal Party), Midge

Lambert (Green Party), and Tyler Knelsen (Wildrose Alliance). The debate went fairly well with each candidate explaining his/her party's platform in an attempt to convince the voters.

Key issues in the debate were health care, environment, education, economy and infrastructure among others.

Progressive Conservative Party (PC) candidate Verlyn Olson said his party would phase out health care premium in four years and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by investing in clean energy technologies. The PCs also promise to provide a \$100 tax credit for someone who use energy-

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University of Alberta's Scientists Discover a Gene that Can Lead to Cure for AIDS

By Nihal Tiltmamer

In an effort to find a cure for AIDS, a team of scientists at the University of Alberta have made an important breakthrough by discovering a naturally occurring gene in human body that is able to block HIV, the virus that causes AIDS disease.

Working with Dr. James R. Smiley and Dr. Frederic D. Bushman, Dr. Stephen Barr, a University of Alberta's post-doctoral fellow in the Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology, identified the new gene as TRIM22. The gene is able to block HIV infections by preventing its assembly.

"When we put this gene in cells, it prevents the assembly of the HIV virus. This means the virus cannot get out of the cells to infect other cells, thereby blocking the spread of the virus," Dr. Barr, the team's lead researcher, said.

When asked by The Daglightale whether there is hope that the new breakthrough can lead to discovery of

AIDS drug, Dr. Barr answered: "There is huge hope that we can turn this discovery into the development of a drug that can mimic the antiviral defense of TRIM22."

A specialist in molecular virology, an area of science that focuses on the study of viruses, Dr. Barr continued to say, "We also hope to explore whether we can involve TRIM22 in some form of a vaccine since it is a gene that is already present in our bodies. A lot more research needs to be done, but we have taken the first step."

TRIM22 is a natural gene that exists in human body. Here comes the question: If this gene exists naturally in human body, how come that it is not able to block HIV in infected persons? "Good question. I have not taken a look at HIV patients to see if TRIM22 is functional. I plan to take a look at patient samples in the near future to see if TRIM22 is turned off, mutated or if HIV has found a way to inactivate TRIM22," said Dr. Barr.

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On Friday, March 7, The Walk For Darfur Club held a taco-in-a-bag sale to raise funds for their long walk in April. The sale was a success, raising \$300.

The Election Where Democracy Lost

By Rob Cox

So here we are, once again a minority of Albertans went to the polls and marked their X next to the tried and true blue, giving the PCs their 11th straight majority government. What makes me chuckle to myself is that this was supposed to be election where we were to witness the beginning of the end for the Progressive Conservatives and the rise of an (dare we dream) actual opposition. It seems to me that although so many people claimed to have wanted change, they did not want change simply for the sake of change. The reasons the vote went the way it did are fodder for the coffee shop, my concern is that Alberta continues to ride down the slippery slope of brutal voter turnout. Any of you who know me know that I swing right-of-centre, this country is in dire need of electoral reform and I believe that Alberta is ripe to lead the way. Because proposed system changes tend to go to referendum in Canada, these alternatives need to have a catchy name and be simple yet obviously superior to the status quo. Below is a rough idea that I have been working on for a couple of weeks.

The most obvious problem here is that our electoral system is really geared for a two party system where both parties actually have sustainable support. On Monday, 53% of the popular vote translated into 36.7% of the seats, everyone else saw the opposite kind of disproportionate seat allocation. So the system obviously needs a bit of a tweak. I know what you are thinking, that I am about to endorse proportional representation, which is the expected response from those who whine about election results. I am not endorsing PR. For every step forward PR takes us in fair seat allocation, it takes us backwards in the field of grass-roots democracy. Ask yourself this (PR supporters), do you really want party executives hand picking who gets chosen to sit in the Legislature, or do you would you rather that those who want the privilege of representing you in the

Legislature have to be given that privilege by their parties' members in their respective regions? I prefer the latter and I will admit that the former is something that scares me very much. So my endeavor is to marry our current system of grass-roots candidate selection with a seat allocation mechanism that more accurately reflects the preferences of the Alberta electorate. I call this system Reflective Regional Representation, a system that encourages grass-roots democracy while accurately allocating seats according to the will of the people.

The gist of it is simple: take 5 electoral districts that border each other, then merge them into 1. Allocate 5 seats in the Legislature to that 1 large(r) ED. Parties that run in that riding will be obligated to provide Elections Alberta with a list of 5 prospective MLAs in an order of precedence according to the party members by way of party nomination. The seats in that riding would be allocated by share of the popular vote in that riding. For example, if the Tories receive 60% of the vote, they get 3 seats that go to the top three candidates on the list. If the Grits get 25%, they get one and the NDP gets 15%, they get one. That is just a possible example and it points out that it is not a perfect system, but the fact is that two parties that would have no seats in that area under the current system would have a few more if the people decided to give them some. That is my suggestion; I will be working on my formal proposal for a long time, trying to sort through the problems RRR presents. I just wanted to give people an example of how the solutions to these problems start with us, the people who want democracy to flourish and are willing to throw out ideas. The true and incontestable result of Monday's election was that democracy lost. Everybody who sees this as a problem needs to make the engagement of the average Albertan a personal issue, because in Alberta, the average person doesn't vote.

My Very First Alberta Election Campaign Experience

By Adrienne Leva

Well, if you have never been involved in an election campaign I suggest you give it a shot. This is advice for people like me: cynical, awakened by existential dilemmas on a nightly basis, readers of Ecclesiastes, et al, but most of all, people who love to talk smack and never do anything about it. I have been expressing my concern for Alberta and for the world (as I actually believe that neither will last more than fifty years) over Jugs of Canadian at Scalliwags for the last six semesters. This is because we here at Augustana have the good fortune of enjoying a faculty who, in my experience, preach horrifying images of global warming, globalization, Americanization, overpopulation, etc. Because of these light-hearted classes, we should be throwing ourselves into the spurning of the current regimes of "Royal Consciousness" and standing up for those who cannot stand up for themselves; especially considering the fine example the faculty set for us students.

I was one of those girls in high school who didn't give two craps about anything with respect to school. I was in a rock band and smoking weed (no inhaling) and skipping classes and as if you would have seen me involved in anything that you needed school spirit for. Let's just say Much Music Video Dances weren't on my typical Friday night agenda. Since being at Augustana,

I have felt a pressing desire of sorts to stand up for something that I believe in rather than just yak about it loudly with some anarchistic old, drunk hippy at Scall's. I really did not know how I could realize the potential that I knew I had. Below I have laid out four simple steps on how to go from being a cynical, non-group-joiner, to a potential election junkie.

The first step is to actually treat other people like they are people; and I'm not just talking about "pretending" that there isn't a lot of asinine people out there, but really letting people just be and attempting to connect with them whether it be a quick smile or hello. Something that helped me snap out of being an ass was the idea that if you run into one A-hole in a day, it's probably likely... but if you run in to two A-holes in one day, you're the A-hole. Write that down.

The second step is to find friends who aren't afraid to protest and be crazy radicals and then vow that you will help out your friends with anything they need help with. Be careful with this one; this could potentially lock you into a political commitment you may or may not regret.

The third step is to find yourself a really cute boyfriend or girlfriend who works for a political party that is in line with what you believe and has possible solutions to what you think is

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Augustana Student Conference April 8th

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Applying Systems of Meaning in our Community

By Leslie Lindballe

As we plough headlong into the second semester, papers crouching like hidden tigers in the mist, I'm sure you've all come to the conclusion that the life of a newly liberated university student (that is, a parent-less 20-something) has little in common with ideas of global responsibility, spiritual awareness, or community development. Being a philosophy/reigion heavy faculty, I'm sure you've

all come into contact with notions of "spirit," "globalization," and "post-modernism." Within this shifting milieu, it may be difficult to understand what your professors are discussing when they pace frantically in front of the class wondering why we are all so apathetic. Perhaps this is the best study advice I can give you:

VOLUNTEER

Most readily cited reasons for volunteering are because "it looks good on a resume," "it gives you

opportunities to give back to the community," and "it's a great way to meet new people," but volunteering gives you much more than that. Are you having problems understanding the connection between environmental degradation and economic slumps? How about the psychological effect of the disparity between rich and poor? Do you truly understand the effects of empowerment brought about by feminism? Volunteering within the local community not only gives you

access to those practical benefits of job opportunities and a greater network of friends, but also gives you a chance to see why the issues you discuss in your classes are topics of university debate and scholarly study. These issues are in the public eye (or not in the public eye) for a reason. Why don't you see for yourself?

The people of Camrose support our school in myriad ways, and being a microcosm for us to understand ourselves and our role in the world is just one more hat they wear.

If you have had specific experience volunteering in the community, why not draw more attention to your cause by writing an article about your organization for the Dag? If you're not involved, check-out the central hub of volunteering in Camrose. The Volunteer Centre for Camrose and District, at www.whyvolunteer.ca

License To Nils

By Nils Anderson

A strip based on some of the biathletes and what Nils does with his time. Continued from last issue with more to come.



POST SCRIPT: THE ABOVE SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN TO MEAN BIATHLETES ARE IN SOME WAY IRRESPONSIBLE. MANY ARE FINE, UPSTANDING INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD MAKE FINE COMPANIONS OR HOUSE PETS.

N. ANDERSON

Experience continued from page 2 wrong with the world. It especially helps if that special person you find is funny and likes long walks on the beach. I think that being friends with inspiring people and falling in lust/love with inspiring people can really bring people out of their shells of cynicism.

The fourth step is to dive right in and get angry and be obnoxious to a level that you are comfortable with. For instance, I was extremely adamant that I would not make phone calls for this campaign because I did not believe in bothering people in their homes. However, there was a whole other host of chores that needed to be done and I was happy to use my talents in those areas. Who knows? Maybe next time I'll make a phone call or two.

The latter is the four-step process I utilized to become a seething and angry, disgusted lover of being involved in something bigger than myself. And, at the end of the day, when the party you are rooting for turns out to be more of an underdog than they were before, a deep sense of loss and dedication overwhelms you and you want to fight back even harder. Thus, the cycle repeats itself: except maybe for the cute boyfriend/girlfriend step.

Want to say something...

Opinion

...We'll listen

My Secret Shame

By Nathan Cole

So this story starts a little under a year ago. I was at someone's birthday party. I don't remember for sure whose... and we had a little party game of going around the circle and revealing something that makes us ashamed.

Again, I don't remember what the other responses were, but they didn't make me think less of the person who said them. If anything, they made me feel closer to them. There was only one response I was unhappy with.

"I'm ashamed that sometimes I enjoy American Dad," I said.

I get the impression that most people think American Dad (the show) is a cheap clone of Family Guy with a few Republican and 9/11 jokes thrown in. For the most part, that's right. It's not that great of a show and I probably shouldn't waste time on it.

The real reason I didn't like my answer is that a much more authentic answer came to me but, ironically, I was too ashamed to admit it (this is like meta-shame: shame about shame).

I'm ashamed that I play the trading card game Magic: The Gathering and I don't know why.

I should probably offer a brief explanation of Magic to the 90% of readers who have no idea what's going on. It's represented as a duel

between two (or more) wizards. It's played with a deck of cards representing magical spells you can cast and creatures you can summon. The cards are meant to be easily tradable and collectible, and much of the fun of the game is seeing the vast array of different cards that were and are made, and then how you can combine them into a working machine. It's very difficult to do justice to it here: the game is customizable beyond any other game I can think of, and can be fairly simple or absurdly complex based on what you and your fellow players want.

Magic is geeky and unapologetically so - it's a fantasy game, it's collectible, it's somewhat inaccessible and hard to get into. The community is small and hidden and you will never hear a movie star say they play it. But then, Dungeons and Dragons is unapologetically geeky (RIP Gary Gygax), and so are most video games.

It may be more that it is collectible. I hear stories of people spending amazing sums of money on Magic. I've heard of a competition deck that costs \$700. I don't spend near that much. I'm sure I spend much less on it than many people spend on, say, alcohol (and here I'm getting defensive). You do not by any means need to spend a lot to have fun with your friends - \$15 can be a very good start and you need

go little beyond that. But I think that in any collection there is a sort of material lust and, even if I can get over it, it's still there.

I'm not sure I'm being a very good ambassador of a game I'd love to see more people play.

I think also in a collectible trading card game there's a definite association with childhood or immaturity. Magic, I understand, is the forerunner of games like Yu-Gi-Oh and Pokemon. Again, I picture little kids begging their parents for another fix.

And right now I think this is the biggest reason - I feel like other people will judge me to be less if they know. Do I judge others like this? I hope not, some of my best friends right now are my Magic community.

In the end, this is a story about me feeling shame first and about Magic the game second. It's a hobby I enjoy doing with my friends, that I spend frugally on, that challenges me creatively and intellectually, and that hurts no one more than anything else does in our global capitalist economy. And yet, something about it or about the way we view things like it makes me ashamed. I'm getting over it. I'm slowly working down to only moderate shame. But it's not fair that I feel ashamed and it's not fair that I seem unable to control feeling shame.

Garbage, Recycling and Littering

By Max Thyssen

I've wanted a place to publish this for quite some time.

I'm anti-recycling and I'm pro-littering. That's right. And for very similar reasons.

Recycling takes some of our waste and puts it back into use. This is good, it's like reusing, but with processing. Reusing is good.

But what I find happens is that people tend to use it to let themselves off the hook for a lot of 'bad' stuff.

For example, when I go off, as I sometimes do, about the state of the world and how terrible we all are at taking care of the planet, I often get the response, "Well, we're doing way better than we used to be, we never used to recycle anything and now we put tons of stuff in the recycling bin."

For starters, we aren't doing better. We are a little more efficient perhaps, but our total level of consumption has continued to rise since we got started with this 'whole' do more, faster and more comfortably game. There's some guy with a paradox named after him. He noticed that every time we take a step with efficiency or removal of pollution associated with some industry we still manage to do it more so that there is still more pollution or consumption.

I think an example could be something like this. Say we use a bunch of cans for beer. And we say to ourselves, "This

isn't that great, we're doing all this mining and using all this energy which pollutes all for a can of beer. Maybe we should recycle." So we do and we feel great, so we drink all the beer we want. But it turns out that a) we can only recycle the cans so many times before we need new material, b) we're still using a lot of energy to recycle them, and c) we keep using more and more all the time. Total gains in reduction of pollution - nil or worse.

And if we abandon our criticism of ourselves because of a flagship municipal program like recycling, then it has done more damage than it has prevented. If recycling makes us stop at that baby-step, then it is deadly. If we go no further because we're doing so well, then we're screwed. And that is what the response 'we're doing better' means to me.

Now, if you stop recycling you've missed the point. Just remember the other Rs. I think they were put in order of importance or effectiveness: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. We've allowed recycle to run the show for far too long.

My issue with garbage is very similar. We take all our trash, put it in these magical receptacles and it disappears forever. It seems no matter how much garbage we produce, it always goes away without a trace (except for that stink in the can).

Of course, it doesn't go away. In fact, a lot of it

doesn't go away for a long time. But we don't ever have to see it again, and it won't directly impact our lives ever.

But it directly impacts many other lives. Space is taken up, toxins and heavy metals are leached, land is cleared, greenhouse gases fill the air, it stinks, it looks like Armageddon. It's terrible.

But the worst thing about our trash going away like magic, is that it allows us to not think about it. It allows us to ignore our terrible habits of disposable packaging and products.

So, I say, "Throw all your garbage in streets! Leave it on your lawn! Hang it in the trees! Let's wallow in our own filth." Then we'd be outraged and disgusted by our own behaviour and we would stop producing so much trash.

I saw an art project once where this guy had taken a picture of every piece of trash that he threw away in a year. And he put it up on the walls of his house. And his house was absolutely covered. Perhaps that is the answer that would avoid the plague returning to our 'clean' cities.

Point is, we need to be aware of what we're doing and the effects that it's having. A sanitation system like the one we have doesn't help us do that. I have long thought that making people pay for the garbage they have disposed, like big-time pay, could be a good way to do it too.

These are my thoughts. Life is good.

Apology

In the February, a paper entitled *I-Week: Beyond our Borders*, mentioned that "no major activities at Augustana Campus except the showcasing of some international dishes in its cafeteria and viewing of keynote speeches from North Campus through webcast at the Old Main". That statement might have made some people feel that their effort during the I-Week at Augustana was not recognized. We apologize for that.

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Review of Spring's Awakening

By Matt Slingsby

Light music and a beautiful set greet the audience on the stage in this semester's production of *Spring's Awakening*, directed by Prof. Paul "Sparky" Johnson. The opening imagery is however juxtaposition, for a play that chronicles the exploits of a group of pubescent German school children trying to come to terms with their blossoming sexuality in a world populated by pious over-protective adults, concerned more with keeping their children pure and innocent than informed. Failing to acquire the answers they seek from their parents, the children turn to each other for guidance, at times to disastrous ends.

This production brings the directors' playful and light-hearted style into sharp contrast with the sexual violence and existential crisis of the script to create an honest and at times heart-breaking story of adolescence. Sparky has crafted a compelling design, and developed some powerful images, such as a scene featuring Chad Drever as Hanschen Rilow, surrounded by the objects of his masturbatory fantasies.

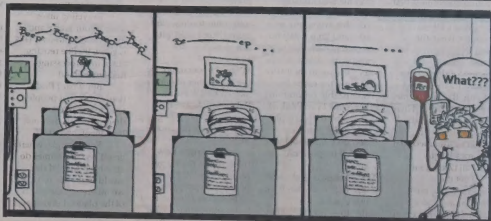
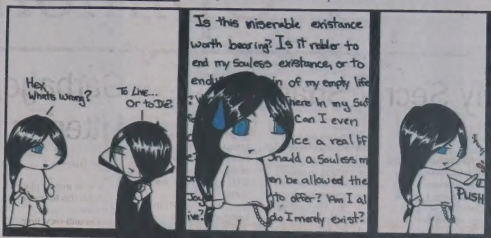
Members of this ensemble cast shine in their roles, most notably Nathan Huisman as the struggling student Moritz, who wonderfully captures the innocence and turmoil prevalent

throughout the show. It is a pleasure to watch Nathan pour himself out on stage. Chris Cook, as the at-times nihilistically headstrong Melchior, the male protagonist of the show, brings a balance to the male leads, wonderfully contrasting Nathan's timid and shy Moritz. Standing out amongst the women in the cast is Andraea Sartison portraying Wendia Bergmann, a child wise beyond her years. She brings an intensity and dominance necessary for the role, and is at times almost haunting. Lindsay Sims also delivers a moving performance as Ilse, a child runaway who sits for portraits and then sleeps with the artists, flogging nicely the children who have remained in school, true to the system they are being reared by their parents and teachers to fit into.

If I haven't made it clear by now, the play is not for the faint of heart. I would not recommend you bring your child to it. But it is a worthwhile theater-going experience. As not only a piece of theater, but also an educational experience

Garlic Sauce

A cynical view of the vampire world



(we are in university after all) it warms this humble critic's heart to see the risks taken by these actors on stage, and for this they all deserve congratulations on a job well done.

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Augustana Spring Formal 2008

By Nihal Tiltmamer

On the 9th of February, 2008, Augustana Students' Association (ASA) did Spring Formal, a students' signature social event conducted annually during the Winter Semester.

"Now formal is an event that runs from 7pm-3am, with a catered meal, fun money casino, live bands and many sweet prizes donated by various businesses like 2nd Floor Computers and Boston Pizza," said Karen Wedel, VP Student Life, under whose docket Spring Formal falls. "Formal is a chance for students to engage and interact in a non-academic setting. We provide a free bus service

all night and top of the notch security, to ensure the event is safe," she said, adding that "it gives the girls a chance to wear their grad dresses again and for the guys to buy 5 dollar suits from the thrift store."

According to Karen, "Spring Formal originally started in residence, a long time ago. As the university expanded, so did the event."

"In my first year," she said, "formal was held in the gym and was catered by the cafeteria. And I am sure you can imagine how difficult it was to decorate the gym and make it look like something eloquent and ritzy. After much debate two years ago, the

Students' Council voted to move formal to the CRE."

This year formal was coordinated by first year student Lauren Crandell. The theme was "Masquerade" in which the students put some funny masks on their faces. Dinner and dance cost \$20 per person. Those who did not want to go for dinner, but chose to go for dance from 10 pm - 3 am were charged \$8.

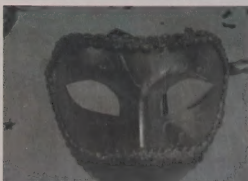
Karen said that everybody was free to do anything, but she warned that "the only things that are not allowed at formal are breaking stuff, crying and puking in peoples shoes. Everything else is fair game."



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The Dag asked five of the participants to say what they think of this year's formal:

"I really enjoyed formal. The decorations and food were really outstanding and the DJ and bands were quite enjoyable," said Matthew Barron-MacFadden.

"I had a lovely time. It was very nicely done," said Nat Chelick.

"Augustana had its Annual Spring Formal on February 9, 2008," said Adam Reid, "although it was a very cold night. It was a great time enjoyed by everyone involved. Bands were a huge success, highlighted by an amazing performance by Slush to end the night. Food was amazing, and it was great to see how well everyone cleaned up."

Miranda Tschirhart, a first year student said, "From a perspective of a first year student, the formal was great; quite reminiscent of a graduation from high school. It did not only allow for a great time with friends but it also provided an opportunity to meet new friends."

"The formal was awesome!" said Krystal Gallamore, "I would have to say that it has the best theme of the three I have been to. Great job to all who helped organize it."



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pictures of Bash after the formal below and below left supplied by Nihal Thimmann



Sports



Above Left: Nils Anderson shooting while standing

Above Center: Three graduating athletes and Assistant Coach Kelly after the frozen T-shirt contest

Above Right: Melanie Schutz taking command of the race with a full skiing extension



Below Far Left: Candice Tremblay warming up for the race

Below Mid Left: Brad Croteau cresting a hill

Below Mid Right: Pre-race hug with Assistant Coach Kelly and Jr. Viking Anna Eriksson

Below Far Right: Brad Croteau

These pictures supplied by Head Coach Jacqueline Akerman



Bottom Left and Center: From Volleyball final on November 23/24

Bottom Left: Basketball from January 11



Above: Curling and Hockey

These pictures courtesy of Dan Penocke, Director of Athletics & Campus Recreation



Language

Norge, Norge, Norge.....

av Tina Montgomery

Har du tenkt på hvordan du kan lære å snakke mer flytende norsk? Ønsker du å erfare hvordan det er å være i Norge? Kanskje det er på tide for deg å se litt på valgmulighetene som er tilbudt av Universitetet av Alberta.

Akkurat nå har Augustana et utvekslingsarbeid med Høgskolen i Telemark. To studenter fra Augustana tar et semester i Norge og så kommer to studenter fra Telemark til Augustana. Det er også muligheter for å ta et fullt år i Telemark. Høgskolen i Telemark er lokalisert i Bø. Bø er et lite bysamfunn med rundt 5400 beboere. 1500 av disse er studenter på universitetet. Bø er lokalisert i det sørlige sentralområdet av Norge, omtrent to timer med tog fra Oslo. Dette studiestedet har meget å tilby for studenter med tanke på studieprogram og idrett. Byen er liten og mange fasiliteter er innenfor gåavstand. Togstasjonen forbinder Bø lettere med resten av Norge. Men kanskje er du

heller interessert i en storby erfaring??

En by omgitt av sju fjell og sju fjerder, hva mer kan man ønske? Bergen er ikke kjent for være en solrik by (med et gjennomsnitt på 2250 mm regn hvert år), men jeg kan fortelle fra personlig erfaring at denne byen er så skjøn og full av liv at du ikke behøver solen for å more deg i Bergen. Med rundt 250.000 beboere, er Bergen Norges nest største by og her finner du skolene Universitetet i Bergen og Høgskolen i Bergen. Universitetet tilbyr et sommerkurs og hvis du håndterer språket bra, kan du søke om et helårig studieår her. Bergen er studentdrømmen, om du ikke legger vekt på regnet. Byen har alt å tilby av kultur, uteliv, shopping og fritidsaktiviteter. Begge skolene har kort gåavstand fra sentrum. Bergen er godt forbundet med resten av Norge og Europa med en internasjonal lufthavn og fantastiske togforbindelser.

Kanskje har du ønske om å kunne skryte av at du

en gang har vært en Oslogutt/Oslojente?? Med en metropolbefolkning av omkring 1.8 million, er Norges hovedstad et spennende sted å ta et sommerkurs, et semester, eller et år i utlandet. Augustana har hatt mange studenter som har tilbrakt sommeren i utlandet ved Universitet i Oslos Internasjonale Sommerskole (ISS). Over en periode på seks uker kan du ta et intensivt språkkurs sammen med andre studenter representert fra over 80 nasjoner. Vektalt er bevilget etter avslutningen av kurset. Men hva med Oslo? Hva kan denne byen tilby? Vel, hva kan den ikke tilby? Kultur, shopping, Det Kongelige Slott, Stortinget, Oslo Bars... Oslo har alt. Sommeren er varm, og vinteren er våt og kald, men hvis du kan overleve en vinter i Alberta, klarer du fint Oslos vinter! Oslo har veldig god forbindelse med resten av Norge og Europa gjennom tog, ferge, luften og veiene.

Har du pakket allerede? God reise og jeg håper å treffe deg i Norge en dag!

Understanding people: Bolivia

Coca Leaf

The coca leaf, a sacred leaf that has been used since pre-Hispanic and colonial times, is of great importance in the Andean cultures because of its organized manner of cultivation and because of its great importance for the Aymara people. The coca leaf is one of the benefits that Mother Nature has given to the cultures of the Amazon Andean regions and it has been part of their every day life for a long time. The coca leaf was and is an accomplice and witness of the sorrows and joys of the people. It is part of q'owa rituals, in which it is chewed as a form of respect to the co-existence of our culture. It is a sacred leaf that has nutritional, healing and spiritual qualities.

http://boliviavicultura.com/art_en.htm

Religious Festivals

Festivals in Bolivia are generally pagan and are expressed by means of rituals and dances, these are motivated by the faith/belief that any one of the desires of prosperity can be granted. According to a religious Cosmo Vision, pre-Hispanic cultures are revealed through their deities and gods; one of the oldest being the Pachamama, to whom tribute is given by means of the ch'alla. Religious syncretism is represented by the union of these practices, with the Catholic religion and the patron saints. Each village has a date set aside to celebrate their Saint also known as "Chicus Mass". After the mass, the parishioners go out in a procession. With

the passing of time many changes have occurred, for example: the Oruro Carnival has been implemented with the "Folkloric Entrance", in which folkloric dances can be appreciated with the participants dancing in devotion to the Socavon Virgin; also, the dances have been stylized and the costumes modified. Festivals in the east of Bolivia have more passive processions such as long walks. In the Chaco area, the festivals that take place are not accompanied by alcoholic beverages, a procession is carried out and regional products are sold, this practice is different from all the other festivals in Bolivia.

http://boliviavicultura.com/relig_en.htm

/Gracias! to Professor Eugenio Palomino for providing the recipe and Bolivian content

Spanish Tortilla

In Spain, a tortilla is an omelette of eggs, potatoes, salt and olive oil. Additional ingredients may include peppers, onions, tuna, anchovies, artichokes, asparagus, mushrooms and cucumber. This is very different from Mexico, where tortilla refers to a flatbread of corn or flour. Amount to serve 4 500 g (1 pound) potatoes 4 eggs Salt Olive oil Peel the potatoes and cut them into thin slices. Fry them in a frying pan at low heat with enough olive oil to cover the potatoes completely. When the potatoes are soft, nearly "boiled" in the oil but not browned, drain them well and mix them with the beaten eggs. Put this mixture in a non-stick frying pan coated with a very thin film of olive oil, at low heat. Spread the mixture over the bottom of the pan with a pancake turner and shape the edges. After three minutes, invert the tortilla in the pan with the help of a dish or the lid of a pot. Let it cook on the other side in the same way. It must be golden brown outside, well shaped, and juicy in the center.

*Recipe provided by Asoliva of Spain
<http://www.globalgourmet.com/destinations/spain/tortilla.html>*

Le Programme 'My Explore'

Par Brittany Chappell

Je vais vous parler au sujet du programme 'My Explore'. Ce programme est un cours de langue intensif où on étudie intensivement et dans immersion sa langue seconde pendant cinq semaines. Explore est un programme de la bourse, alors le Gouvernement du Canada paie complètement les frais du programme sauf que le transport. (pour plus d'information allez myexplore.ca)

J'ai fait ce programme il y a deux étés à Chicoutimi. J'ai choisi Chicoutimi parce que je voulais habiter avec une famille plutôt que dans la résidence. Ma raison avait que c'est plus facile de parler français tout le temps quand les personnes avec qui on habite parle uniquement le français et j'avais raison! Mes parents d'accueil ne peuvent pas parler anglais sauf qu'un ou deux nouns. J'ai essayé d'enseigner l'alphabet à Serge (Mon père d'accueil)

et il ne pouvait pas prononcer la lettre « x ». C'était très drôle.

Le premier jour du programme d'école de langue française et de culture québécoise a commencé avec un examen de placement et j'étais mise en place dans le programme de 3c. Les débutants sont placés dans la catégorie 1 et les plus avancés sont placés dans la catégorie 6, alors j'étais placée au milieu des catégories. Chaque jour pendant le matin nous sommes allés à l'école pour apprendre le

grammatical et les capacités oraux. Dans les après-matin nous avons apprendre les choses sur les cultures françaises. J'ai fait les randonnées et j'ai appris beaucoup sur le plan d'horticulture française. J'ai pris aussi les cours de chorale et à la fin du programme il y avait un récépissé.

Le programme était beaucoup de fun! J'ai encouragé tout les personnes intéressées en français d'essayer un programme comme ceci.

Writers' Corner

Accept the Lemonade

Go ahead, accept the lemonade.
Whether it be under the sun,
Whether it be under the shade,
Accept your lemonade.

We've all sat and communed with our familiar friend.
Through elementary school, he taught us our ABC's.
Now we're in university, as goes the trend,
Everyday, getting closer to the end.

Our familiar friend has taught us a few things,
A few things about his person.
Remember his overture? Some didn't like him from the beginning.
They didn't calibrate that he's more worthy than bling.

Why hate? The answer is the lemonade he served.
Some accepted, but some ran.
Some were boisterous, some were yet reserved.
So accept your lemonade, don't be unnerved.

Next time life, our familiar friend, gives you lemonade, ask for sugar.
Ask for honey, enough juice for your journey.
Learnt your lesson? The ABC's? Anguish brings character.
The blessing's in the pressing, so chill on the stressin'.

One day at a time is the right style.
Enjoy life's lemonade!

-Sam Adimora

Mortality

At the end of all this life,
And in the dimming of the light,
I find myself in solitude,
Against the world, alone and nude.
Reflection on this time so short,
Ruined reputation, things of that sort.
Tomorrow will not come for me,
To become all I had hoped to be,
And one last chance for me to say,
Tomorrow is not another day.
I forget all that I have become,
Drowning it in this bottle of rum.
I came to you in this time of good-bye,
And on your ribbed pages I confess my lies.
Diluted and dissolved in ink,
This life of mine begins to sink
Away, away,
I slip away,
Below the surface I start to stray.
Asleep, Asleep,
I close my eyes,
And drift off into a coma so deep.
A shame that this life is cut so short,
It will not be remembered,
Eternity, Immunity,
Inevitably only mortal.

-Lindsay Nadeau

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efficient appliances, put billions of dollars into building and repairing public institutions and infrastructure such as schools, hospitals, highways, urban transit, universities, colleges, parks and senior care facilities, and create 14,000 new child-care spaces over a period of three years, and 4,000 more spaces by 2016.

Alberta Liberal Party's candidate Keith Elliot said, "Alberta Liberals will responsibly manage the pace of oil sand development based on a cumulative impacts framework. This would protect jobs and the viability of the oil sands while providing a framework to balance environmental and social sustainability." He also said that "protection of the environment and building of a sustainable economy must go hand in hand."

According to him, Alberta Liberals promise to ensure immediate removal of healthcare premiums, reduce wait times by creating specialized surgical centers, train enough

nurses, doctors, and other healthcare professionals while creating more spaces at learning institutions, ensure access to medication, reduce post-secondary tuitions by \$1,000 per year, provide students \$300 for books, give tax break, and ensure affordable social programs.

Sarah E. Mowat, Alberta NDP Candidate, accused the Conservatives of inability to effect change. "The Conservatives have shown their inability to plan for change - whether it is the drastic shortage of medical professionals or teachers due to cuts they made to hospitals, universities and school districts," she said.

"Alberta's New Democratic Party is the only party saying middle class families not only deserve their fair share of the current economic boom but they also deserve a government that will implement plans to benefit all Albertans beyond the boom," she said of her party. Alberta NDP promise to get rid of corporate and union funding for political

parties, cap monthly drug costs for seniors at \$25, greenhouse gas emissions, implement an auto insurance program run by the government, rent controls, green technologies like wind generated electricity, strong vehicle emission standards, all-party committee to review royalty rates, remove condo-conversion loopholes, and reduce tuition fee by \$1400.

Wildrose Alliance candidate Tyler Knelsen explained his party's platform which almost echoes a free market economy. Key components of his party's platforms are real tax relief for Albertans, reforming government and restoring accountability, investing in communities, broadening access to Healthcare by eliminating healthcare premium and have "the best schools and best education system in the world."

Midge Lambert of the Green Party advocates for a development of new energy sources. "We will ensure support for

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Professor Profiles: David Dahle



What do you teach at Augustana?

I teach in the area of Classical Studies, which is a wide field encompassing courses in the ancient languages of Greek and Latin as well as courses taught in English in the areas of Greek and Roman History, Greek and Roman Mythology, Greek and Roman Art and Archaeology, Greek Literature in translation, and introductory courses in Greek and Roman Civilization. My courses in Greek and Roman Art and Archaeology have enabled me periodically to take students to Greece, Italy, Turkey, and Syria during the month of May. In recent years I have taught more on the Greek side of things, but I also teach some Latin and keep in contact with Roman History and Culture through Directed Readings courses.

What made you first think of becoming a professor?

When I first entered university at UBC my interests were in the

Sciences, especially Math, but at some point I was interested in studying for the ministry, and so began taking Greek as preparation for Theological Studies. When I was in my final year of my undergraduate degree at the University of Alberta, I had decided to do at least an MA and probably a PhD too before going on to seminary, and so I took first year Latin in that final year of my BA. I spent two years in that MA program and in addition to Greek took lots of Latin to catch up on that language. Before beginning my MA program, I got married and, while returning from Montreal where my wife and I had gone on our honeymoon, we came back through the States and I stopped at a seminary in Minnesota where I was thinking of eventually studying. A professor I talked with there encouraged me to think in terms of teaching at a church-related college or university rather than pursuing at least another four years

of theological studies after a PhD in Classics. This was the point when I started thinking seriously of becoming a professor as a career. I completed another MA and my PhD in Classical Studies at Princeton University in Princeton, New Jersey. I taught one year at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota before returning to Canada to teach here at Augustana.

What is the best/worst part of being a prof?

The best part of being a prof for me is the interaction with students. With the exception of my mythology classes my classes have generally been small enough over the years that I can get to know my students, especially when I have the opportunity to teach many of them over several years in different courses.

The worst part would have to be the heavy marking load at certain times of the year. I am a strong believer in having

students write essays so that they can improve their research and writing skills so that can mean lots of marking near the end of a term.

If you had to be something other than a prof, what would it be?

If I hadn't stumbled into becoming a Classics prof through my preparatory studies for theological training, I might have become an engineer or prepared for some other profession related to my aptitude in Mathematics.

In fact, the day I registered as a second year student at UBC I didn't decide until I arrived on campus whether to register for Engineering or for Honours Math. I registered for Honours Math, but after three weeks of working only at my Math courses and ignoring my courses in Chemistry and Physics I decided to take a year out of school. It was after that year hiatus that I came back to university in Alberta (at Camrose Lutheran College) and switched to a BA degree with a major in Greek and Psychology.

What do you want your students to know about you? Are you married, have kids, pets, hobbies?

I have been married for forty years to Darlene whom I met while we were students here at Augustana (formerly Camrose Lutheran College). We have a 33-year old son, Andreas, an Augustana alumnus, who owns a surf shop in Edmonton, and a 30-year old daughter, Kristin, an Augustana alumna, who is in the final year of a

PhD program in Music Composition at the University of Calgary. I'm interested in sports. I played on the basketball team and participated in volleyball and cross-country running when I was a student here. I enjoy cross-country and downhill skiing and am an avid golfer. I am also a windsurfer during the summer and my son has kept me up-to-date in all of the proper equipment for this sport.

What inspired some of your courses?

The inspiration for many of my courses has come from the times I have spent studying in Greece and Italy. I have spent two sabbatical years studying in Greece, a sabbatical year in Cyprus, and six weeks studying in Italy. The history, literature, myth, and art of ancient Greece and Rome all come alive when they are studied on site. I have tried to convey this feel for the settings of the ancient world through the use of an extensive collection of at first, slides, and now of digital images that I have taken in Greece, Italy, Sicily, Turkey, France, Spain, Germany, and England in museums and at archaeological sites.

What are some of the changes you've noticed around Augustana Campus, and where do you think we are going or should go?

I was a student here for one year when there was a high school program and only one year of university studies and have now taught for 34 years. I have seen many changes. One of the highlights was when

we became degree granting in 1985 and a second one has been the merger with the University of Alberta. I was Dean when the preparations for this change from church-related to provincial university took place and was very supportive of this opportunity for our development. In the next 25-50 years I would like to see the Augustana Campus grow to a student body of 2000. Of course once we hit 1500 students I would like to see the expansion of my discipline of Classics into a major. In the distant future I would like to see Augustana separate from the University of Alberta and become an independent undergraduate residential university but still under the ownership of the provincial government.

If you could force every student to take one of your classes, what would it be? What's the most important thing you teach?

I would not want to force any student to take one of my classes. I like the current situation where students take one of my courses by choice, or use a Classics, Greek, or Latin course as one of many choices for fulfilling a core requirement. I don't have any one course that is more important than any other. I hope all of my courses force students to think, develop their writing skills, and give them some appreciation of the contributions that the ancient cultures of Greece and Rome have made to our own society.

AIDS

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Dr. Barr said their effort after this discovery is to find way in which TRIM22 can help HIV positive persons. "If we can find a way to turn TRIM22 on in HIV patients or mimic its effects by drugs or a vaccine, it will trap HIV within cells, thereby blocking the release of virus into the blood to infect other cells," he said. "It is hoped that this could slow or block the progression to AIDS and person-to-person transmission," he added. TRIM22 is turned on by interferon, a

protein produced by cells in the immune system to protect the body from foreign invasion, according to MedicineNet.com. Scientists have been hoping that cell treatment with interferon can block HIV infection, but how that could be possible was still a mystery. With Dr. Barr and his colleagues, it is no longer a mystery how and which gene can block HIV infection.

"It's been known for a long time that interferon treatment of cells can block HIV infection, but nobody really knew how or what

the genes were that were involved," Dr. Barr said. Dr. Barr's discovery will open new avenues for finding cure for HIV/AIDS disease, which he said 33 million people worldwide are living with as of the end of 2007.

He said, "drug-resistant HIV strains are continuing to emerge. A couple recent HIV vaccine trials have failed." He hopes that this natural mechanism in human body can be used "to develop more natural means of blocking the virus."

The scientists who worked with Dr. Barr

include Dr. James R. Smiley, University of Alberta's professor and Canada Research Chair in Molecular Virology and Dr. Frederic D. Bushman of the University of Pennsylvania. Their findings have been published in Public Library of Science Pathogens. The research was supported with funding from NIH, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council and the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research.

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renewable resource technology such as solar, wind and geothermal energy," she said. In addition, the Green Party argues for democratic renewal including a grass root participatory democracy, fixed elections dates, recalling of MLAs, protection of soap, surface, and ground water, mapping of underground water across the province, decrease of wait times - both emergency and family practitioners settings, setting of lowest tuitions of any province

In Canada and building province wide transportation infrastructure.

On the 3rd of March, 2008, Progressive Conservative Party delivered a landslide victory including a victory in the Wetaskiwin - Camrose constituency, consolidating a 37 year Progressive Conservative Party rule in Alberta.

Quotes of the Month

To produce things and to rear them,
To produce, but not to take possession of them,
To act, but not to rely on one's own ability,
To lead them, but not to master them -
This is called profound and secret virtue.

-Lao-tzu, *The Way of Lao-tzu*

The Way of Heaven is to benefit others and not to injure.
The Way of the sage is to act but not to compete.

-Lao-tzu, *The Way of Lao-tzu*

Photo of the Month



Jeph the Emo Turkey

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